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Attorney Docket No. 746220.0003 (58763.000003)
Client Ref. No. 3270PCT/US (PP4)

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In re Patent Application of:)
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Jean François BLOCH et al.) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
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Serial No.: 09/722,587) Examiner: To Be Assigned
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Filed: November 28, 2000)

For: PROCESS FOR DETERMINATION OF THE ACTIVITY OF A SUBSTANCE USING
AN *IN VITRO* FUNCTIONAL TEST

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Total Claims		20		x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims		3	**	x \$80.00	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				\$ 270.00	\$
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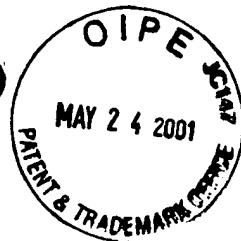
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**WRITTEN ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND OF EXCESS FEES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The written assertion is hereby made that this application is entitled to small entity status, thus entitling Applicants to pay reduced fees in accordance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules.

Applicants request a refund of \$791.00 (\$1,622.00 - \$831.00), the excess fees which were paid by check on May 14, 2001. This request is filed within two (2) months from the date of timely payment of full fees and is therefore timely. Please send a refund check to the Applicants' Counsel, identified below, or credit Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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